



News Notes

C-17 #4 arrives Saturday – Hickam's fourth C-17 arrives here Saturday. A ceremony will take place in front of base operations at 3:30 p.m. All of Team Hickam is invited to attend. With the addition of the C-17, the 535th and the 204th Airlift Squadrons will be fully engaged in their primary mission of airlifting cargo and equipment to locations throughout the world.

Tax Center Closes – Due to the loss of our civilian personnel at the Tax Center and other military manning requirements, the Hickam Tax Center will close for the remainder of the tax season today at 3 p.m. Please visit the tax assistance website at: https://wwwmil.hickam.af.mil/ja/limited/Jac/tax_assist.htm for a listing of additional island-wide free VITA Tax Assistance sites or call the legal office at 449-1737. To prepare taxes online, people may access <http://www.militaryonesource.com> to use a free version of TurboTax®. The deadline for filing income taxes is April 17.

Easter Sunrise Service – An Easter Sunrise Service is at Hickam Harbor, Hickam Beach April 16 at 6:30 a.m. In addition, there will be one at Bellows AFS behind the main Bellows Reservations building on the beach April 16 at 6:30 a.m. For information, call 449-1754.

Trivia Contest winners – Pam Utley, Kenney Headquarters A6 answered the first trivia question during Women's History Month. She received a \$25 Tradewinds gift certificate for being the first contestant to answer the question:

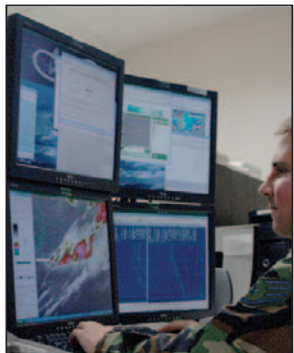
1. Who built a home for poor women and children in this city's slums and also won the Nobel Peace Prize in 1931?

Senior Master Sgt. Thomas Hanson Pacific Air Forces was the first to answer the second trivia correctly. He also received a \$25 Tradewinds gift certificate.

2. Who was instrumental in beginning dialog about women's rights and consid-

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1st ever coffee house opens

By Kirsten Tacker
Kukini Photojournalist

A cyber café called 'The Gathering Place' opened its doors on April 3 to everyone, but particularly for the dorm residents to meet new people, enjoy coffee and surf the net for free.

The cyber café is equipped with four computers, Xbox 360 for game playing and head to head competition, board games and a large screen television, but their major feature is the free coffee bar.

This group effort spearheaded by Capt. James F. Richey, chaplain and Senior Airman Philip Mondano, both from 15th Airlift Wing chapel had

help with the support of the chapel community and the 15th Civil Engineering Squadron.

"It is supported by the chapel community," said Captain Richey. "For the start up they donated \$46,000 to kick it off and they'll support it with \$8,000 a year for upkeep with supplies."

Fifty people are already lined up for

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Photo by Staff Sgt. Tom Czerwinski

Captain James Richey and Senior Airman Phillip Mondano 15th Airlift Wing chaplain service staff serve coffee at the new cafe located at the Vosler Hall dormitory.



SA victims afforded reporting options

By Tech Sgt. Nicole Johnson
Sexual Assault and Domestic Violence Victim Advocate

In 2005, the Department of Defense put its commitment to fight Sexual Assault into concrete, visible actions with the establishment of the Sexual Assault Prevention and Response program and installation Sexual Assault Response Coordinators. Under the DoD's newly established procedures, restricted and confidential reporting for active duty military members provide victims the option to receive services from sexual assault program staff, healthcare providers and chaplains without notifying command channels or

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Photo by Angela Elbern

Operation Homecoming

Members from the Hickam AFB Honor Guard participate in a ceremony marking the 33rd anniversary of the end of Operation Homecoming held in front of the Firestone Service Center. A small monument there marks the spot where the last prisoner of the Vietnam War first set foot

on American soil at Hickam AFB in February 1973. In the past participating units have included members of Hawaii's Air National Guard, the Vietnam Veterans Association and Hickam's active duty personnel, to include the wing commander and wing staff.

Allies graduate from Hickam ALS

By Lt. Col. Tracey J. Saiki
Kenney Headquarters Public Affairs

HICKAM AIR FORCE BASE, Hawaii – The U.S. Air Force fights and trains side-by-side with its allies. Hickam NCOs have taken it a step further – they learn side-by-side with U.S. allies as well.

Four Philippine Air Force enlisted instructors and the Philippine Air Force Command Sergeant Major were "distinguished" graduates from Airman Leadership School Class

06-B here at Hickam's Professional Military Education Center – a significant milestone achievement in the U.S. and Philippine Air Force partnership.

The Philippine Command Sgt. Major, Chief Master Sgt. Cesar Soloria, was the guest speaker at the ALS graduation ceremony on March 29.

"I am happy and proud of being the first Philippine Air Force Command Sergeant Major to speak at a USAF Airman Leadership School graduation. Thank you Hickam PME center for hosting us," said Chief



Chief Master Sgt. Cesar Soloria

Soloria. "As allied Air Forces, we must be fit to fight, ready to deploy and

project airpower. Being a noncommissioned officer means more challenges and responsibilities, and you are ready for it. You are the Air Force's future leaders who will someday assume greater responsibilities to help maintain world peace and global stability."

In 2005, Chief Master Sergeant Jerol Mariotti, Commandant of the Hickam PME center, visited the Philippine Air Force to assess their enlisted professional military training. He later returned to help develop a plan for training

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Community housing receives recognition

By Ryan Mielke
Hickam Community Housing LLC

Hickam Community Housing LLC announced today it is the recipient of the nationally coveted Real Estate Award for Customer Service Excellence for 2006.

The award, presented by independent research company CEL & Associates, Inc., is only given to

community management companies that have attained exceptional performance, as rated by their residents. The national recognition comes on the heels of a "Best in Industry" rating achieved by HCH after a recent survey of HCH's Hale Na Koa Village, conducted by CEL.

Residents were asked in the comprehensive survey to rate the level of service they receive from HCH from

responsiveness of maintenance teams to property management, and many other areas comprising their community quality of life. Hale Na Koa residents were last surveyed prior to the launch of privatized housing here Hickam AFB in 2005. At that time they scored their satisfaction at an overall rating of 68.9 percent, that

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Hickam enforces cell phone policy

Vehicle operators on Hickam and other PACAF installations and operators of government owned vehicles, both on and off base will not use cell phones unless the vehicle is safely parked or they are using a hands-free device.

Violators of the new cell phone policy will lose their base driving privileges for 30 days. This policy applies to everyone driving on PACAF installations. To view a copy of the PACAF commander's policy contact your unit orderly room.



Techno geeks beware

By Col. Bill “Goose” Changose
15th Airlift Wing commander

I found myself standing in line at the movies recently. Each line was as long as the next and my wife said to me, “We could have bought the tickets online and saved the time standing in line”. As is often the case, she was right. We pay our bills, receive bank statements, shop, research, and even listen to music online. Okay, that’s what I do, but I don’t think it’s that uncommon. In a technically savvy world we are moving toward call centers and email to manage customer service needs. For some this creates anxiety, but for me, I appreciate the flexibility. The virtual Military Personnel Flight led the charge a few years back

with its innovative website focusing on customer convenience. Since then, online medical appointments created a capability that is not only convenient but also provides visibility of a variety of appointment options. If we think for a minute about how we request leave, prepare orders, file vouchers and receive pay statements – all are accomplished electronically. In the last couple weeks active duty members have been briefed on a new concept branching from the original virtual Military Personnel Flight. It is called “Personnel delivery services transformation” and is expected to provide even more options than the previous website. The transformation is a four-phase program that will continue through 2011. The first phase begins with the

active-duty force and is further broken up into seven segments called spirals. Among the initial actions transferred online are forms for evaluation, appeals, retirements, retraining and duty history corrections. The goal is to have a smarter way of doing business resulting in improved consistency and accuracy of information, fewer errors in people’s records and expanded customer service hours. This, just like the other noted areas, represents a change that will enable the military member to focus more on the mission by streamlining the administrative paperwork. I encourage each of you to stay informed on the technological advances that will create a simpler life – this is the way of the future. Sky Warriors have a safe and great weekend.



Tommy Lau a Vietnam Veteran and former flight engineer, who had flown on C-124s and C-97s, shows a photo to 15th Airlift Wing commander, Col Changose. The photo is the old air terminal where the Firestone memorial is now located.

Back to basics: core values, customs & courtesies are foundations to discipline

By Chief Master Sgt. Billy G.Abbott
15th Communications Squadron

Think back to Basic Military Training (BMT) where we were trained to be disciplined, dedicated, and physically fit warriors ready to serve in the United States Air Force! Why do you think it is that some of us maintained that discipline while others seemed to falter? After all, we were all taught the same information in BMT, i.e., core values, customs and courtesies, and basic policies and procedures; the building blocks used to build a solid foundation for our future Air Force leaders.

Are you as disciplined an Airman as you were in BMT? If not, why not? One of the things that I have noticed in my 24 years of service is that some Airmen seem to get complacent in regards to discipline once they arrive at their first duty station and subsequent assignments. Our job as supervisors and leaders in today’s Air Force is to exemplify the highest of standards in maintaining self-discipline and to correct those who fail to uphold the standards of discipline. As a disciplined service member, we must remember where we came from and get “back to the basics of discipline”.

As supervisors, leaders and managers, we must set the example by exhibiting professional behavior, military bearing, respect for authority, and the highest standards of dress and appearance. As the junior rank-

ing member, we must stand when a SNCO or Officer enters the room. We must always give the senior person, enlisted or commissioned the position of honor when walking, riding, or sitting with him or her. We must ensure that we use the proper terms of address when addressing superiors. We must ensure that all of our relationships are professional. As supervisors and leaders, we must ensure that we are fit-to-fight, that we epitomize excellence and serve as a role model for Airmen to emulate. We must stand proudly and render the proper salute during reveille and retreat instead of running for cover. All of these things demonstrate that we are a disciplined Airman!

As an Airman in today’s Air Force, our actions are always on parade. People, both military and civilian are watching our every move. Their perceptions of the Air Force are based on our actions so our actions must reflect a disciplined Airman. The strength of the military depends on disciplined service members ready to fight and win our nation’s wars. When discipline ceases to exist the mission will fail. Failure is not an option.

Be proud of who you are, what you do and who you represent. You are a disciplined Airman! You are an enabler to “Air Power”! You represent not only your unit, but the wing, Team Hickam and the United States Air Force! It’s indeed an honor to serve our country in the greatest Air Force on Earth!

Action Line

The Action Line is your direct link to me so we can work as a team to make Hickam a better community. I urge you to use the normal chain of command first.

If you have done this and are still not satisfied, give my commander’s Action Line a call. If you would like me to get back to you, leave your name and number, state your issue, tell me who you have talked to and why you were not satisfied with their response. I’ll work your issue and respond verbally or in writing. The Action Line number is 449-2996. Messages may also be sent by e-mail to 15aw.pal@hickam.af.mil.

GREY BOAT FERRY

Comment: I have tried several different squadrons asking about a shuttle to & from Hickam to the Grey Boat at Pearl Harbor. We live at Iroquois Point & work on Hickam along with others. The boat is a perfect way to avoid the congestion on the Freeways along with traffic on Hickam. I would be willing to pay a fee to ride to & from the base if this would help get a shuttle. Just one central drop off & pick up would be helpful. I understand there is a possibility of a landing being built on

Hickam to drop off & pick up passengers, is this correct? I don't mind the 2 mile walk except when it rains. Thank you for your help.

Response: Public law prohibits us from using the shuttle bus to transport personnel over all or any part of the route between their domiciles and places of employment (domicile to duty). There was an initiative proposed in Jun 05 to use VanPool Hawaii vans for the commute between the Grey boat landing and Hickam. The initiative was for members riding the Grey Boat to establish a Vanpool. VanPool Hawaii would provide 7 passenger Dodge Caravans for those participating in the program. A meeting was convened with VanPool Hawaii and Hickam ferry commuters to discuss the issue but there was little interest among the riders at that time. The option is still available if you would like to start a Vanpool with some of your fellow commuters. There are vouchers available for federal employees to use vanpools. These vouchers would enable military members and civilian employees to use the vanpool at no cost. Commuters who are interested in establishing the program can contact Tech Sgt. Lisa

Thomas at 448-4643 who is the POC for this initiative. There is currently no plan to establish a Grey boat landing on Hickam AFB.

MILITARY RETIREE USE OF DINING HALL

Comment: I inquired about retirees utilizing the dining facilities on base and was told by an employee at the dining facility that retirees are not honored to use the facilities per the Wing Commanders policy. I just arrived here from Altus AFB Ok, and retirees were honored at the dining facilities. I also had a conversation with a coworker from McChord AFB Wa. and retirees can use the dining facilities. I tried calling the action line 449-2996 but the recording cut short, and I was unable to leave a message. I feel as a contractor on Hickam working with the Air Force and being a retiree we should have rights to these facilities. Please E-mail me back on this issue, and thank you for your time.

Response: Thank you for giving me an opportunity to outline the policy. Hickam AFB operates enlisted dining facilities in order to provide subsistence

to entitled enlisted members as well as flight and ground meal service in support of daily operations and to provide a training environment for food service personnel to meet our war fighting mission. As a general rule, use of the dining facilities is restricted to enlisted members and those individuals authorized by the installation commander to meet mission requirements. Though installation commanders have the authority to allow retirees to use the enlisted dining facility, I have not done so at Hickam because expanding this service to local retired military community coupled with the high volume of space-A travelers (average 1,000 travelers each month), would mean a substantial increase in dining facility patronage, drive up contract costs substantially, and would greatly impact the effect this could have on our ability to feed our authorized and eligible customers. We do allow retirees and their families to eat at the dining facility on special occasions such as the Air Force Birthday, and during our Thanksgiving and Christmas meals. Thanks again for your concern, and I encourage you take advantage of the many other dining facilities we have here on the installation.

Hickam Diamond Tips



Female Hair Accessories and Earring Changes

The 97th Uniform Board reversed the 96th Uniform Board and prohibits the wear of a scrunchy as a hair accessory for women. Hair pins and bands will match hair color. Long hair will be secured with no loose ends.

Questions? Contact your First Sergeant

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Hickam Family Support Center
449-0300
Life Skills Support Center
449-0175
Law Enforcement Desk
449-6373
Base Chaplain
449-1754
Military Family Abuse Shelter
533-7125
SARC Hotline
449-7272

Tips, prevention, control of mold

By Staff Sgt. Sarah Kinsman
15th Airlift Wing Public Affairs

Mold is a problem all of Team Hickam needs to be aware of and something everyone should know how to prevent.

First of all, there are many things to know about mold.

“Mold comes in many colors including white,” said Maj. Edward Laferty, 15th Medical Group Bioenvironmental Engineering Flight. “Some molds produce mycotoxin, a toxin produced by a fungus that may colonize many kinds of food from the field to the table.”

Although mycotoxin is bad for people’s health it is rarely a large problem in homes, offices or schools.

“The concentrations experienced

in a normal home, office or school are typically too low to trigger a health response in occupants,” said Maj. Laferty.

Some molds have strong smells and can be the source of the “moldy” or “musty” smell frequently associated with mold growth.

Mold is usually not a problem indoors unless mold spores land on a wet or damp spot and begin growing.

“Molds have the potential to cause health problems, although most people will not be affected by mold in their environment,” said the major. “Inhaling or touching mold or mold spores may cause allergic reactions in sensitive individuals. Allergic response includes hay fever-type symptoms, such as sneezing, runny nose, red eyes and

skin rash.”

Although many people think so, the age of the structure does not effect where mold spores can be found. Mold spores can be found indoors and outdoors.

“Mold spores cannot be eliminated from indoor environments,” said Maj. Laferty. “Some mold spores will be found floating through the air and in settled dust.”

The key to mold control is moisture control.

“The mold spores will not grow if moisture is not present,” said the major. “As a guide, indoor relative humidity levels should be between 30 and 50 percent. Any obvious water leaks or existing sources of mold should be corrected promptly.

With the rainy weather Hickam has been seeing comes a higher humidity.

“With an increase of humidity, the likelihood that mold will grow increases,” he said. “All mold should be treated the same with respect to potential health risks and removed promptly. People should not be afraid of mold. Just clean it up if under 10 square feet.”

For more information on mold related issues including mold cleanup and moisture control/condensation/humidity issues, call the Environmental Protection Agency Indoor Air Quality Information Clearinghouse at (800) 438-4318 or the Hickam Bioenvironmental Engineering Flight at 449-6814.

Information used for this article and additional information may be found at the following websites: www.epa.gov/iaq/molds or <http://www.cdc.gov/nceh/airpollution/mold/>.

Services career field selected for AFA award

RANDOLPH AIR FORCE BASE, Texas – The Air Force Association selected the services 3M0X1 enlisted career field for its 2006 AFA Team of the Year Award.

The following Airmen were named to the team:

- Staff Sgt. Heather J. Schaffer, Cheyenne Air National Guard, Wyo., representing the Air National Guard;
- Senior Airman John J. Hitchens, Scott Air Force Base, Ill., representing Air Mobility Command;
- Airman 1st Class Nicolas Paulino, Davis-Monthan AFB, Ariz., representing Air Combat Command;
- Airman 1st Class Andrea Quintanilla, Moody AFB, Ga., representing Air Force Special Operations Command; and
- Airman 1st Class Ashley Sakurai, Misawa Air Base, Japan, representing Pacific Air Forces Command.

Each year, the AFA selects an enlisted career field for recognition. The selected Airmen were chosen for displaying superior technical expertise, attracting the praise of their superiors and providing leadership and inspiration to their co-workers. Airmen nominated need only be assigned to the same career field and may not be members of a team in the traditional sense of the word. The five Airmen will be recognized during a ceremony in Washington D.C. on May 22.

America pays tribute Weinberger

By Jim Garamone
American Forces Press Service

ARLINGTON, Va. – Caspar W. Weinberger’s definition of happiness was “service to a noble cause,” current Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld said here today at the former defense secretary’s funeral.

Weinberger died in Maine on March 28 at 88.

He was buried April 4 at Arlington National Cemetery. Weinberger served as defense secretary under President Ronald Reagan and as secretary of health, education and welfare under President Gerald Ford.

Rumsfeld, Maine Sen. Olympia Snowe, and former Secretary of State and Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff retired Army Gen. Colin Powell delivered eulogies.

Weinberger presided over the largest peacetime buildup of the American military, and many believe that buildup was the straw that broke the back of communism.

Powell said Weinberger took office just six years after the fall of Saigon, Vietnam, signaling the end of U.S. involvement in that conflict. “What (Weinberger) did to rebuild morale and esprit in the military is what those of us who were in uniform at the time will never forget,” Powell said. “Yes, he got additional funding. Yes, he helped us buy the weapons systems that made our Army the best in the world. Yes, he got the funding to make the all-volunteer force a success.”

Reagan and Weinberger were determined to rebuild America’s military following the “hollow force” debacle of the late 1970s, when the military suffered from inadequate troops, training and equipment. It was a time when many questioned what the United States stood for, Rumsfeld said.

“The world should remember Weinberger as a peacemaker,” Rumsfeld said. “His goal was an era of hope and peace ... one where the people of Eastern Europe lived in freedom, and one in which the Berlin Wall no longer divided families, but instead existed only in memory or its shards sold as souvenirs of a discredited era.”

CES repairs water damage on rooftop



Photo by Vanessa Perez

Senior Airman Shawref Thomas, 15th Civil Engineer structures Section uses a blower to speed up the drying process to begin roof repairs at the Hickam Burger King. In the month of March Hickam had 31 consecutive days of rainfall with 16.93 inches for the month.

Malaysian, U.S. troops bond during exercise

By Johnathan Monroe
18th Wing Public Affairs

KADENA AIR BASE, Okinawa, Japan – The United States and Malaysia exceeded expectations during three weeks of mock air-to-air combat between their air forces, according to the commander of the U.S. Air Force’s Pacific warfighting headquarters.

Exercise Cope Taufan 2006, which began March 10 and ended today, increased operational readiness and mutual trust and understanding between allies in a realistic training environment, according to Lt. Gen. David A. Deptula, commander of the General George C. Kenney Warfighting Headquarters at Hickam AFB, Hawaii.

It also made a positive impact in

maintaining safety and stability throughout the Pacific region. “One of our primary missions in the spectrum of our bilateral exercises by the Kenny Headquarters is to improve interoperability with our allies,” said General Deptula. “That is, to create an integrated team that can operate and be ready to fight together if the need ever arises. This is the stated goal of Cope Taufan, which we most certainly exceeded in during the last three weeks.”

The biannual, air-to-air training exercise based out of the coastal city of Butterworth, Malaysia, is designed to sharpen air combat tactics skills. Half a dozen U.S. F-15C Eagles and nearly 120 Airmen from Kadena’s 18th Wing — maintainers, munitions handlers and F-15

fighter pilots — participated.

“Flying and training against the Malaysian MIG-29s was the chance of a lifetime,” said 1st Lt. Jerod Rife, one of several 67th Fighter Squadron pilots who trained against the Russian-built aircraft during the exercise. “The Royal Malaysian Air Force is one of few in the world to employ the MIG-29 Fulcrum as its premier fighter. Flying against their MIGs is a rare opportunity for us. I’ll never forget this world-class training.”

As a vital strategic partner in the global war on terror, Malaysia’s sponsorship of Cope Taufan holds strategic importance for U.S. defense and foreign policy planners, in addition to the operational training benefits for U.S. Airmen, said General Deptula. Malaysia’s

cooperation in the global war on terror extends to the support of regional efforts to root out and disrupt terror cells.

Cope Taufan sets a new “benchmark” for air supremacy and bilateral cooperation in the Pacific, said Lt. Col. Jeff Gustafson, Kadena’s 67th FS commander. “Cope Taufan provided all participants, from pilots to maintainers and logistical support, the opportunity to practice and reinforce our abilities to deploy rapidly and work together in an environment that’s both multi-national and joint. The experiences, friendships and tactical training have shown our folks why our training day in and day out makes the U.S. Air Force the best air-to-air pilots in the world.”

TRICARE helps guard, reserve deployable status

FALLS CHURCH, Va. – Dental readiness is a key component in determining the deployable status of our service members. The TRICARE Dental Program, administered by United Concordia Companies Inc., helps National Guard and Reserve members meet Department of Defense dental readiness requirements.

“The TRICARE Dental

Program provides a way for National Guard and Reserve members to meet and maintain their dental requirements prior to being called to active duty,” said Navy Cmdr. Robert Mitton, deputy director, Dental Care Division, TRICARE Management Activity. “We want to protect our soldiers, sailors, airmen and Marines from dental emergencies, especially in

times when they are deployed and in harm’s way.”

At the individual level, oral health is a major player in overall health. National Guard and Reserve members, with at least 12 months remaining on their service commitment, and their families are eligible for the TRICARE Dental Program. When service members maintain their service commitment,

their families are eligible for the TRICARE Dental Program. Family member enrollment does not depend on the sponsor being enrolled; family members may enroll in the TRICARE Dental Program at any time.

For more information, beneficiaries may access the TRICARE Dental Program online at www.TRICAREdentalprogram.com, or call toll-free 1-

800-866-8499, 24 hours a day, Monday through Friday. Members residing outside the United States should dial their country code followed by 888-418-0466 (toll-free). Beneficiaries may also access the TRICARE Web site at www.tricare.osd.mil which displays the TRICARE Dental Program Fact Sheet as well as other dental related fact sheets.

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ered on of our country’s first feminist?
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Hickam Thrift Shop – The Hickam Thriftshop will be open Saturday for Sales and Consignments. The Thriftshop is open from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. for sales and open 9 to 11 a.m. for consignments. The Thriftshop will be closed April 14 for Good Friday. Donations are always welcomed and appreciated. The donation shed is located in the front of the Thriftshop. Volunteers are always welcomed. The Thriftshop will reopen on the April 17.

UO masters program – The University of Oklahoma is proud to offer a Master of Arts in Managerial Economics. Our non-thesis program can be completed in about 18 months. Our one week classes are very TDY/TAD friendly. Contact OU at 449-6364 or aphickam@ou.edu for more information, or visit our website at www.goou.ou.edu.

Hickam National Test Center – The National Test Center offers College Level Examination Program (CLEP) exams to all members of the Department of Defense and their families. CLEP exams are free to active duty, reserves, guard, and family members of the guard and reserve forces. For all others, there is a \$20 administration fee and \$55 examination fee. The National Test Center on Hickam will offer exams on Mondays and Wednesdays, conducting three test sessions each day. Please call Hawaii Pacific University at 422-1032 to schedule an exam.

National Military Family Association Family Award – Nominations are currently being accepted online (www.nmfa.org) for the NMFA Family Award. A complete nomination includes a 500-750 word narrative and a completed Family Award Nomination Form. For more info, call Airman and Family Readiness Flight, 449-0300.

Developmental education application deadline – Officers and civilians considering intermediate or senior developmental education in 2007 have until April 21 and May 1 respectively to submit their applications for selection board consideration.
Officers apply using a Web-based application, while civilians submit their applications through their civilian personnel flights by the internal suspense date established by their CPFs.
Line officers as well as judge advocate, chaplain and health professions officers may apply for up to five IDE/SDE programs using the pull-down menus on the Air Force IMT 3849, "PME/AFIT/RTFB Officer Worksheet," available at https://www.afpc.randolph.af.mil/afpcsecure. Officers can also use the comments section to indicate advanced academic degree programs they are interested in.
Officers must be nominated by their senior rater to compete at the functional developmental team and developmental education designation board levels. The rater responsible for nomination is the person who was listed as the senior rater on Feb. 1.
Nominees must also ensure their transitional officer development plan is current.
The civilian developmental education program includes

both IDE and SDE opportunities for employees in grades GS-12 through 15.
Civilians are nominated by their local leadership with endorsement from their chain of command. Their applications are forwarded to their functional developmental teams to rank the nominees, validate the programs they should attend and identify follow-on assignments.
Trivia answers – 1. Answer Jane Addams, won the Nobel Peace Prize in 1931.
2. Answer: Abigail Smith Adams (former first lady and wife of President Adams) was instrumental in beginning dialog about women’s rights.



Stepping Up

Photo by Staff Sgt. Jasmine Reif

Southwest Asia – Airman 1st Class Christopher Ruiz, 386th Expeditionary Civil Engineer Squadron Fire and Emergency Services Flight, conducts function checks on a P-18 Tanker. Airman Ruiz is deployed from Hickam AFB, Hawaii and was recently selected for promotion to senior airman through the below the zone program.

Country legend, Restless Heart others to perform at Tower Mall

ROBINS AIR FORCE BASE, Ga. – Air Force Reserve Command, and Pacific Air Forces are joining up with Lee Greenwood, Restless Heart, New England Patriots cheerleaders and comedian Dick Hardwick for a performance at Hickam April 17, from 6 to 9 p.m. the Tower Mall.

Performing as the opening act for Lee Greenwood, the Air Force bands will play well-known rock-and-roll and contemporary favorites. To help warm up the crowd, the three-time world champion New England Patriots are sending six members of their cheerleading squad to accompany the tour.

“The Patriotic World Tour will put on a show that is on par with any high-dollar concert back home,” said Dave Ballengee, deputy director of the Band of the U.S. Air Force Reserve. “This Air Force tour group is bringing its state-of-the-art sound, stage and lighting equipment and will put on a show that our troops will never forget.”

Lee Greenwood will sing his legendary song, “God Bless the U.S.A.” while Restless Heart will perform some of its chart topping hits such as “Bluest Eyes in Texas,” “When She Cries” and “Feel My Way To You.”

“This will be our third tour with the Air Force Reserve and it looks like it will be our most intense one,” said Larry Stewart, lead vocalist for Restless Heart.

The tour will cover about 25,000 miles round trip. The performers, technicians, support troops and about 40,000 pounds of equipment will get a lift from an Air Force cargo aircraft and a KC-10 Extender refueling and cargo aircraft.

Six cheerleaders for the NFL’s New England Patriots will also perform during the show.

Members of the cheerleading squad have entertained military troops in more than 20 countries since 9/11.

“The Patriots Cheerleaders’

performance is really exciting, dancing to some great classic rock and roll, country and Top 40 music,” said Tracy Sormanti, coach of the squad. “Our show always includes a great deal of audience participation and is sure to keep everyone laughing and having fun.”

Reserve, active-duty and National Guard Airmen work together as a team to make the U.S. Air Force the most powerful force the world has ever seen. The Air Force Reserve provides about 20 percent of the Air Force’s combat capability for about 4 percent of the total Air Force budget.



Lee Greenwood



New England Patriots cheerleaders



Dick Hardwick



Restless Heart

Crime Scene

DAMAGE TO GOVERNMENT PROPERTY

An Air Force civilian employee notified security forces to report damages to the irrigation pipe of the Hickam reservoir.

SHOPLIFTING

A Navy family member was detained by Army and Air Force Exchange Service store detectives for shoplifting. Total cost of stolen merchandise: \$190

DAMAGE TO GOVERNMENT PROPERTY

An active duty Air Force member notified security forces to report damages to a government vehicle. A report was filed. Estimated cost of damage: \$1000

SHOPLIFTING

An Air Force family member was detained by Army and Air Force Exchange Service store detectives for shoplifting. Total cost of stolen merchandise: \$8

VANDALISM/THEFT OF PERSONAL PROPERTY

An active duty Air Force member notified security forces and reported he noticed spray paint markings on his vehicle and spray paint cans were stolen from the trunk of the vehicle. A report was filed. Estimated cost of damage: \$500

AWOL/FAILURE TO OBEY A LAWFUL ORDER

While on a routine patrol, security forces spotted an individual with an outstanding pick up/restriction order for AWOL. The individual and was later transported to the law enforcement desk for processing.

SHOPLIFTING

An Air Force family

member was detained by Army and Air Force Exchange Service store detectives for shoplifting. Total cost of stolen merchandise: \$85

HIT AND RUN

An active duty Air Force notified security forces and reported his son’s vehicle was damaged. Further investigation revealed; the vehicle sustained dents and paint transfers from unidentified vehicle. A report was filed.

THEFT OF PRIVATE PROPERTY

An Air Force civilian employee reported her purse containing personal items and cash was stolen from her cart inside of the Hickam commissary.

DAMAGE TO PRIVATE /ATTEMPTED THEFT

An Air Force family member reported someone had damaged and tried to gain access in her vehicle.

HIT AND RUN

An Air Force civilian employee notified security forces and reported he noticed a dent and white paint transfers on his vehicle. Estimated cost of damage: \$1200.

SHOPLIFTING

An Air Force family member was detained by Army and Air Force Exchange Service store detectives for shoplifting. Total cost of stolen merchandise: \$14

DAMAGE TO GOVERNMENT PROPERTY

An Air Force family member reported someone had drove into the courtyard and damage the property. The responsible individual was identified and advised to report to the law enforcement desk.

ALS, From A1

opportunities as a new partnership with the PAF. The professional development for junior enlisted was a new concept - PAF enlisted don't receive professional development until the nine-to ten-year mark.

The PAF instructors and Chief Soloria said they learned a lot about U.S. Air Force leadership and its military culture. The emphasis of mentoring and counseling is an area they

plan to incorporate into their own ALS curriculum.

In the meantime, the Hickam PME center will host five more PAF instructors to prepare for the first Philippine Air Force ALS, planned for fiscal year 2007.

According to Command Sgt. Major William Kinney, U.S. Pacific Command Senior Enlisted Leader, it's not so much about planes, ships or tanks, but about the

people that operate and support those weapon systems. As part of USPACOM's Partner Nation Enlisted Leadership Development Strategy, education and training efforts such as ALS helps regional militaries enhance the professionalism and capacity of their militaries' enlisted forces. This ensures a more effective multi-national warfighting readiness capability in the Asia-Pacific region.

"The Republic of the Philippines and the United States are close allies and share the same values, democratic ways and love for freedom," said Honorable Ariel Abadilla, Philippine Consulate General, Hawaii and honored guest at the graduation ceremony. "I have spent my career in diplomacy. Bi-lateral military engagements such as this will continue to strengthen our partnership

ASSAULT, From A1

law enforcement and without repercussions. Restricted reporting also provides victims the time, care and empowerment to notify law enforcement if and when they are ready to pursue a criminal investigation. As expected, the new restricted reporting option resulted in an increase in DoD reports compared to 2004.

In 2005, the Armed Services received 2,374 reports of alleged sexual assaults involving members of the Armed Forces (victim or perpetrator). Of those victims, 108 chose to convert their restricted report to unrestricted reports resulting in a total of 2,047 unrestricted reports. In PACAF alone, from June 2005 to mid-February 2006, there were 18 restricted and 42 unrestricted cases reported a total of 60 cases. Eighty-three percent of those sexual assaults occurred on base in military dormitories. Alcohol continues to play a key factor in close to 70 percent of the cases. 23 percent of the assaults occurred 1 to 5 years ago which means victims are finally getting the help they need—the SAPR program is working!

Numerous reports indicate sexual assault is the most underreported crime in America and the DoD's goal is to establish a climate of confidence that

encourages reporting. Various studies show that between 17 and 25 percent of women in the U.S. are sexually assaulted in their lifetime (one in three women in the military) however, only 17 percent of victims seek any medical care. These statistics indicate that awareness and prevention will be a long-term effort.

In recognition of Sexual Assault Awareness Month, the SARC and Victim Advocates are sponsoring numerous events around Hickam AFB. There will be a brown bag lunch video series at the Nelles Chapel multipurpose room at 11:30 a.m. on the following days:

- Second Tuesday: "Impaired: Decisions and Consequences" video
- Third Tuesday: "Searching for Angela Shelton" video

There is also a clothing drive scheduled during the entire month benefiting the Windward Women's Shelter. Donations can be dropped off at the Main Chapel and Nelles Chapel on Fridays, Saturdays, and Sundays. Key items needed are new undergarments, and new and used clothing for women and children of all ages.

On April 24, from 7:30 - 8:30 a.m., there will be a Sexual Assault Awareness

Breakfast at the Hickam Officers' Club. The guest speaker is Adriana Ramelli, Executive Director of the Sexual Abuse Treatment Center, Kapiolani Medical Center for Women and Children. With more than 25 years experience as a leader in social work and victim assistance in Hawaii, Ms. Ramelli has increased awareness education throughout the state. She is excited to share her experiences and knowledge with us. Please come out and show your support. The cost is \$10 for club members and \$12 for non-members. All proceeds will go to the Kapiolani Health Foundation. For ticket information please contact SSgt Kandie Starr at 448-6160. RSVP no later than April 17.

For additional information on the Hickam SAPR Program visit the DoD's Sexual Assault Prevention and Response Program online at: www.sapr.mil. For information about your local sexual assault prevention and response program, contact your local SARC, Capt. Samantha Haberlach (Samantha.Haberlach@hickam.af.mil) and Capt. Jonathan M. Joshua (Jonathan.Joshua@hickam.af.mil) at 448-SARC (7272) or 24-hrs via cell at 520-3403.

HCH, From A1

means immediate changes and improvements should be made. After 14 months of operations by HCH, that score was topped by 15.5 percent to 84.4.

"HCH has moved the Hale Na Koa community from a property that was rated by its residents 14 months ago as being below average to a community that demonstrates a high level of resident satisfaction," said Rick Cunefare, director of property management at HCH.

"Our quality of maintenance services received a second 'Best Practice' score of 88.3 and all eight success factors were rated over 80 percent," added Cunefare, who oversees property management and maintenance operations within HCH. The response rate by the hundreds of homes that took part in the survey further validated the community's level of satisfaction.

"It's important to recognize that our residents took this survey seriously, registering an astonishingly high 40.3 percent response rate," said Darryl Chai, vice president and asset manager at HCH. "The fact that so many of our residents cared enough to share their insights tells us they not only take seriously what we do for them but it points to what we are doing well and where we can improve service to Airmen and their families."

Virtually all facets of service and satisfaction experienced by HCH residents were measured in the annual survey. Scores of 80 or above are considered outstanding or among the highest satisfaction in the industry, on par with top communities in the nation.

"I'm pleased that our efforts to improve services to our residents are making a difference in their quality of living," said Cunefare. "Remember, these accomplishments are being achieved for our families within one year of privatization and we will make a difference for at least 49 more."

Hickam Community Housing LLC is a project company created through a 50-year lease agreement between the Air Force and Actus Lend Lease resulting from the Military Housing Privatization Initiative of 1996. HCH will develop, build, renovate, finance, and manage 1,356 homes for the next 50 years, comprising 51 percent of the homes on base. The remaining 49 percent have not been privatized yet but the Air Force has formally announced "its intention to sole source" the privatization of those homes to Actus Lend Lease, sometime late this year or early in 2007. Until then, those homes remain under the management of the Air Force.



Editor's Note: To read the complete stories and find more Air Force News, go to www.af.mil.

Month of the Military Child

WASHINGTON (AFPN) – The Defense Department has long understood the value of caring for and celebrating children of servicemembers.

April is designated as the Month of the Military Child, underscoring the important role military children play in the armed forces community. The Month of the Military Child is a time to applaud military families and their children for the daily sacrifices they make and the challenges they overcome.

Military children face many obstacles unique to their situation, such as having a parent deployed for extended periods of time and frequently being uprooted from school.

“Military children endure a great deal of change as a result of a parents’ military career,” said Douglas Ide, a public affairs officer with the Army’s Community and Family Support Center. “The military family averages nine moves through a 20-year career. And in doing so, their children must say goodbye to friends, change schools, and start all over again.”

Throughout the month, numerous military commands will plan special events to honor military children. These events will stress the importance of providing children with quality services and support to help them succeed in the mobile military lifestyle, defense personnel and readiness officials said.

Provincial Reconstruction Team training



Photo by Master Sgt. Jack Braden

Capt. Jacqueline King, right, updates Lt. Col. (Dr.) Christopher Scharenbrock of the status of simulated victims during training on April 4, at Fort Bragg, N.C. Captain King is a physician assistant from Hickam and Colonel Scharenbrock is an emergency medical

doctor with the 60th Medical Operations Squadron at Shaw Air Force Base, S.C. They are with the multi-service provincial reconstruction team that is helping with the reconstruction, security and governing of Afghanistan.

Level landing contributed to crash survivors

SAN ANTONIO (AFPN) – A veteran C-5 Galaxy pilot said all 17 people survived the April 3 plane crash at Dover Air Force Base, Del., mainly because the pilot did his job.

Col. Udo McGregor said the “100 percent reason” everyone aboard survived the crash was because the

pilot did a wings-level landing.

“The survivors are survivors because he put it on the ground wings level,” said the colonel, commander of the 439th Operations Group at Westover Air Reserve Base, Mass.

The transport took off from Dover at about 6:20 a.m. bound for Spain and Southwest Asia. On board were Airmen and several passengers. Base officials

said the aircrew noticed a problem with the aircraft soon after takeoff and the pilot turned the aircraft around to land back at the base.

But at 6:42 a.m. the aircraft crashed into a grassy field and broke up into several pieces. Base officials think the aircraft might have struck a utility pole, which cut off the aircraft’s six-story tail section. It had a quarter million pounds of fuel, but

miraculously did not catch fire.

Colonel McGregor, a command pilot with more than 10,600 flying hours – more than 7,000 of those in the Galaxy – said there are others reasons why the accident cost the Air Force only a transport aircraft.

*By Louis A. Arana-Barradas
Air Force Print News*

Shaw NCO awarded \$10K

SHAW AIR FORCE BASE, S.C. (AFPN) – A Shaw NCO is \$10,000 richer thanks to a suggestion he made.

He thought it would be more economical to stop replacing an \$8,500 valve on the F-16 Fighting Falcon every time the \$50 heat shield that covers the valve is damaged. The suggestion was submitted through the Air Force’s Innovative Development through Employee Awareness program – known as IDEA.

The valve, known as the high stage bleed air regulator and shut-off valve, is located on the lower left side of the F-16 behind the wing. It regulates the engine’s downstream pressure and prevents reverse pressure flow, said Master Sgt. Scott Laws, the assistant electrical environmental section chief with the 20th Component Maintenance Squadron.

Currently, during F-16 engine phase inspections, the valve will rub against the bulkhead next to the valve,

See ATAF, A9

*By Steven Donald Smith
American Forces Press
Service*

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Sergeant Laws said. This causes damage in the center of the safety wire studs in the heat shield. According to the technical order, there is no replacement for the heat shield.

To correct the problem, maintainers have to replace the whole valve assembly instead of just replacing the heat shield. The option to replace the heat shield is not currently listed in the technical order.

Sergeant Laws suggested changing the technical order to list the heat shield as a separate piece with its own part number. The heat shield is available for purchase from the same supplier as the valve assembly at a much lower cost.

“This is the first \$10,000 payout at Shaw since the late ‘90s,” said Marylyn Huber, 20th Mission Support Squadron management analyst.

*by Tech. Sgt. Kevin Williams
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ID theft does not affect pay

WASHINGTON (AFPN) – No cases of computer scamming or identity theft involving the Defense Department’s computerized pay services system have been reported, a Defense Finance and Accounting Service spokeswoman said April 4.

“There has not been any identity theft and/or ‘phishing’ scams with the ‘myPay’ site,” DFAS spokeswoman Carol Garcia said. DFAS provides pay services to members of the military and DOD civilians.

Phishing is sending e-mails falsely claiming to be a legitimate enterprise as part of a scam. Information obtained this way can be

used in identity-theft crimes.

Ms. Garcia said DFAS has received feedback from concerned customers about the security of financial information on the myPay Web site after the publication of a news release.

*by Gerry J. Gilmore
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Doolittle Raid Web exclusive on AF Link

SAN ANTONIO (AFPN) – Just a few short months after a humiliating defeat at the hands of the Japanese at Pearl Harbor, a daring raid launched from the aircraft carrier Hornet changed the tone of the war. It set the U.S. and its allies on a course that would eventually lead to domination of the Pacific during World War II.

This year marks the 64th anniversary of the famed “Doolittle Raid,” when a group of 16 B-25 bombers comprised of 80 pilots and crew left their aircraft carrier on April 18, 1942, on a one-way, 500-mile trek to Tokyo to drop the first bombs on mainland Japan. Lt. Col. James H. “Jimmy” Doolittle commanded “Task Force 16,” in a daring assignment that in President Franklin D. Roosevelt’s words, took “...the war to Japan.”

A special Web exclusive this month on Air Force Link, the official U.S. Air Force Web site, highlights those accomplishments and the men who made history. A special multi-media presentation presents a visual look at the historic mission and the 80 men who changed the course of the war, as well as snapshots from the aircraft carrier as the mission began.

COFFEE, From A1

volunteering in their free time to host The Gathering Place and many volunteered to help prepare for the grand opening.

“I’d like to thank the 15th CES, because they had a big part of it. Without them we wouldn’t have been able to get the coffee cart in here, hook up the water and stuff like that,” said Airman Mondano. “It will never be like a day room, we will always have somebody on duty.”

“There will always be two people on duty monitoring the computers and serving the coffee,” said Captain Richey. “The hours are Monday through Thursday 6 – 10 p.m., then Friday and Saturday 6 – 11 p.m., closed on Sunday.”

The Gathering Place came about when Captain Richey had some time while stuck at Travis Air Force Base waiting for a flight.

“I got the idea for this place when I was trying to hop back from Travis

AFB,” said Captain Richey. “I was stuck over there for a week trying to get a hop. I learned they had a coffee house Internet café ministry in the dorms called The Peak.”

Captain Richey went to visit The Peak and there were about 15 or 16 Airmen in there socializing.

“Some were using the computers, some were just hanging out talking and playing games, but there was mentoring going on,” said Captain Richey. “Last year they did about 15,000 visits. It was a big impact. We’d like to see people return a lot, not just once in a while, but make it their home.”

The Gathering Place is in the dorms and mainly for the dorm residents. But anyone that comes by will not be turned away. If a child is under the age of 18 their parents must accompany them.

“That is probably our biggest message,” said Airman Mondano. “We want to make sure that everyone is wel-

come and not to feel alienated, because they know the chapel is running the place. Anyone is welcome and anyone can come in.”

The Gathering Place gives people the opportunity to get out and meet new friends without denting the wallet.

“It is an alternative hang out spot for a safe non-alcoholic environment for dorm residents,” concluded Captain Richey. “A place where it’s a home away from home. Especially brand new Airmen that arrive and don’t have anywhere to go, no car or no means to do it.

“Instead of just sitting at home in the dorms they have a place they can go and it is safe,” continued Captain Richey. “A lot of our volunteers are non-commissioned officers, senior NCOs, officers or family members. There are a lot of mentoring opportunities as well, that I think is a big feature.”

Call for more information at 449-1754.